

City Neighborhood Council
MINUTES
Monday, April 29, 2002

Voting Members: Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Adrienne Bailey (Central); Pete Spalding (Delridge); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Victor Barry (Magnolia/Queen Anne); Mike Thompson (North); Paul Gibson (Northeast); Irene Wall (Northwest); Dennis Ross (Southwest)

Absent: Downtown; East; Greater Duwamish; Southeast

Other District Council Members: Cindi Barker (Southwest)

City Staff: Lisa Herbold (Councilmember Licata's office); Marty Curry and Chuck Weinstock (Planning Commission); Dotty DeCoster (SPU)

Department of Neighborhoods: Brent Crook; Gary Johnson; Randy Wiger

Guests: Emily Carlsen (Seattle University)

In Kate Joncas' absence, Vice Chair Irene Wall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Everyone introduced themselves.

Irene announced that scheduled guest Councilmember Nick Licata was out of town attending his father's funeral. His legislative aide, Lisa Herbold, attended in his stead. She shared a draft budget priorities resolution which Councilmember Licata intends to introduce. Its main priorities are transportation, community/economic development, and public safety/emergency preparedness. Stephen noted that Councilmember Licata has said that the City should look very carefully at City contributions to Sound Transit funding, and that Yvonne Sanchez had been confirmed by both the Neighborhoods Arts and Civil Rights Committee (NAC) and the full Council (her responses to the questions from the NAC are available from Lisa.Herbold.@ci.seattle.wa.us)

March Minutes - were **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** with a correction that Seattle Transportation had assigned not six but three geographical representatives: Shauna Walgren (Northwest/Northeast); Tony Mazzella (East/Southeast); and Theresa Smith (West/Southwest).

Round Robin

Lake Union (Chris): noted the relationship between CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and NMF (Neighborhood Matching Funds), and urged people to look at CDBG as a source of funds for some of the needs identified as a possible shift for NMF resources. He also referred to a February 2002 Lake Union District resolution (distributed at a prior meeting) that urged strengthening and supporting the programs of DON during this time of lean budgets.

Southwest (Dennis): SW had completed their NMF ratings. Councilmember Compton was at the last meeting and said that the Council may go to the voters for emergency preparedness needs.

Central (Adrienne): Central is watching the Pioneer Square alcohol inebriation area (AIA) process carefully to ensure that there is no negative impact on their area. Central will host a tour during the National Community Building Network conference in Seattle.

Northeast (Paul): NE was working on prioritizing issues using the spreadsheet Kate distributed previously. Irene clarified for Kate that it had been created for the Downtown District Council as a tool, and these priorities were offered as an optional tool for other districts if it seemed useful.

North (Mike): North District had also completed their NMF ratings. Their priority was community building in areas where there are no community organizations. Mike stated that the City may be purchasing a large block of the south parking lot at Northgate for a new public open space, which may also have a housing component.

Delridge (Pete): Delridge will also host a tour for the NCBN conference. The council is focusing on increasing the cultural diversity of its membership and is initiating an outreach project.

Magnolia/Queen Anne (Vic) Magnolia/Queen Anne focused recently on the Alaskan Way Viaduct/Seawall project and also visited with Councilmember Compton. They will meet soon with the Seattle Transportation to discuss the proposed closure of Galer St. A design team has been chosen for a new Magnolia Bridge. The Port

proposals for cruise ship traffic at Pier 90/91 are expected to dramatically increase impacts on both neighborhoods.

Ballard (Stephen): Councilmember Compton has been to Ballard as well and the discussion included the need for more water-based fire suppression capability on the canals, lakes, and especially at Fishermens Terminal. He stated that implementing Ballard Civic Center plans for a library, service center, park, and other developments remains frustrating. BDC is researching public development authorities to gain more local control of the development process and projects, instead of being relegated to “advisory committees.” The community is also anticipating potential Monorail impacts (route alignments and station impacts).

Northwest (Irene): Councilmember Compton also met with Northwest District Council. The group is gearing up for the annual “Art Walk.” Other issues include design issues on the new library, zoning in Phinney Ridge, the Zoo’s FEIS. The latter has been appealed and will be heard by the hearing examiner in May.

Planning Commission- Chuck Weinstock, Chair of the Planning Commission, and staff director Marty Curry briefed the CNC on the Commission’s status and future. The Mayor’s plan to downsize the Strategic Planning Office (SPO) into the new Office of Planning and Management (OPM) originally included the abrogation of Commission staff and the total transfer of the function and oversight of the Commission to DCLU. While the Planning Commission will still move to DCLU, current staff will remain intact and the director will continue to report to the Commission. DCLU will be charged with stewardship of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The Commission is very interested in the job description for DCLU’s director and hopes to ensure that a planning focus is a part of new priorities.

Ten Minutes To a Better Board- Randy Wiger led the group in “effective decision making.” He discussed the “Sturgis” model of organizational governance, as requested at the previous meeting. Chris Leman offered a “Martha’s Rules of Order,” as yet another model. He also read the section on voting from the CNC by-laws which stresses consensus decision making and requires a “vote to vote” if consensus cannot be reached.

Stephen moved that any changes to the accepted rules of order be tabled to review in the Executive Committee (no second for this motion). Chris moved that the CNC thank Randy for his presentations but that this feature will not be rescheduled at future meetings unless a decision is made that there is no need to allocate substantial time to other issues. Victor seconded the motion. One consideration was that the time for this feature had cut into the planned time for discussing the budget for utilities. **After discussion, it was restated as: The CNC will thank Randy for presentations on “Ten Minutes to a Better Board” and schedule future discussions on this topic as time allows after regular Council business. There were 2 ayes, 6 nays and 1 abstention. MOTION FAILED.** Irene and Stephen pledged that the Executive Committee will review agenda setting and scheduling of topics.

Neighborhood Budget Conference Stephen observed and has heard from participants that the conference was very informative and productive. He suggested that the budget discussion should go back out to the districts for input and that an updated schedule of the next six months of Council meetings and public discussions be distributed (ACTION ITEM – see on the Council website at http://www.cityofseattle.org/council/drago/2002_Budget.htm).

Proposed NSF/CRF Process-

Stephen distributed a draft recommendation for an abbreviated Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund process that had been developed as a result of a meeting between staff from Neighborhoods (Rebecca Herzfeld), Seattle Transportation (Shauna Walgren), Parks (Kevin Stoops), and both CNC and NPIAC members the prior week. While there are still no guarantees of continuing funding levels for these programs, we will proceed with assembling districts’ applications for both street fund and cumulative reserve fund projects (e.g., parks maintenance and sidewalks) emphasizing use of existing past project nominations, departmental project lists, and possibly new problem or solution nominations. Again, due to the short timeline, we will try to avoid projects that would require “ground up” technical reviews.

Stephen moved and Pete seconded that this process be used for 2002 (presented as a recommendation from the Budget Committee, and accepted by consensus as a motion made under a suspension of the rules for prior distribution). The recommendation was edited to allow that District Councils can use any process (not necessarily forming subcommittees) they want for identifying a short list of priorities,

keeping in mind the short timeline. MOTION CARRIED - All voted in favor with the exception of one abstention. Further details on this “bridge” process will be shared with the Councils.

Neighborhood Planning Committee-

Stephen and Irene reported that the NPC co-chairpersonship will be resolved at a discussion with the Executive Committee, with the plan that Cindi Barker and Lisa Merki of SE District (Pritchard Beach Community) would take this on. In related activities, Stephen and Irene represented the CNC at a special meeting sponsored recently by Councilmember Judy Nicastro to review the proposed 2002 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (see Resolution 30446, adopted April 29, 2002) on the Council website.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee-

Due to Chair Lorentzen’s absence, discussion of the response to the Council’s Statement of Legislative Intent concerning the Neighborhood Matching Fund was deferred to the May meeting, where the CRT recommendations for the Large Fund awards for the second half of the current year will be presented.

Next Meeting- Chuck Clarke will be invited to the May 20 CNC meeting to discuss SPU and its budget, as part of our continuing discussion of the 2003/2004 budget. Questions will be submitted to Mr. Clarke ahead of time. The CRT NMF large fund recommendations will be presented for CNC approval, and the NMF Statement of Legislative Intent will also be discussed.

The pre-Neighborhood Planning Committee will meet May 4, 8:30 a.m., at May’s Café on Phinney Ridge.

The NMFO Committee will meet on June 3, 7:00 p.m., 1003 Arctic Building

Meetings of the Budget and Neighborhood Planning Committee will be announced when scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary Johnson.

Reviewed and edited by Stephen E. Lundgren, CNC Secretary